

Clark "J" Creek

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Elder J. and Sister Phyllis Crook

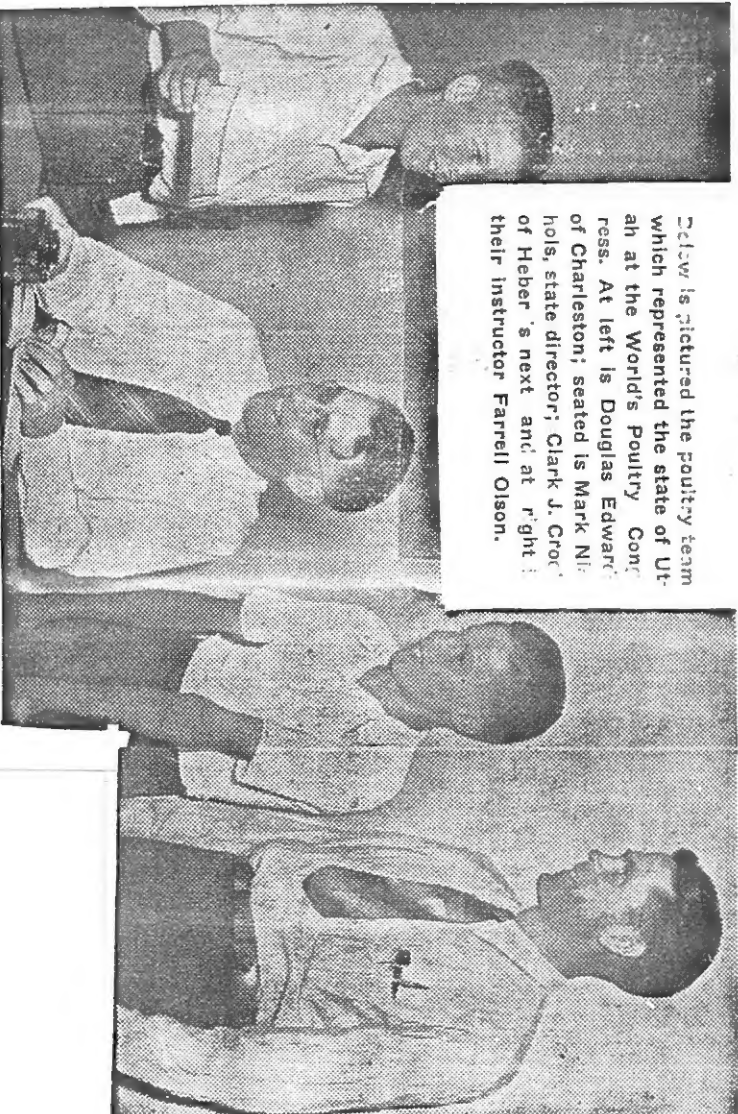
# Crooks to Serve

having three sons and a daughter, J. and Phyllis Crook are happy to serve LDS missions, J. will serve in Nauvoo and Phyllis in Carthage. Their farewell will be held in the Heber 4th Ward on August 26th at 10:50 a.m. the Peoria, Illinois



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## Make Fine Showing At World Poultry Show



Below is pictured the poultry team which represented the state of Utah at the World's Poultry Congress. At left is Douglas Edwards of Charleston; seated is Mark Nichols, state director; Clark J. Crook is next and at right is their instructor Farrell Olson.

## Boys Give Interesting Account Of Trip East

Douglas Edwards and Clark Crook Jr., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Olson and Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Allen, returned Friday from a successful trip through the eastern states. Points of interest were many. Among them were the stops at Father Flannigan's Boys Town, the new Capitol building at Lincoln, Nebraska, and the Field's Museum at Chicago, en route to Cleveland. It was noted also how well the farms and farmsteads throughout the midwest are kept.

One day was spent at Niagara Falls, which proved to be one of the real features of the trip. The stop at Palmyra was very interesting from a Church History standpoint. The party viewed the Sacred Grove, Hill Cumorah, and home and farm where Joseph Smith was raised.

The trip was made from there thru the Catskill Mountains to New York City. There two and a half days were spent in viewing the city and the World's Fair. Life in New York was noted, contrasting the hustle-bustle atmosphere of Broadway with the shiftless type of life in the bowery. The Fair is very massive, as well as very impressive, with its exhibit from all over the world showing all types of occupations and interests of life. The boys are still thrilling over the parachute jump at the play area.

A day was spent visiting the National Capitol, Mount Vernon and the Arlington cemetery.

They stopped for over a week at Cleveland to participate in the 7th World's Poultry Congress. Interest was very high at this show, with as many as 117,000 people per day visiting it. The exhibits from all over the world were housed in the buildings erected for past expositions. The boys took part in one phase of the congress, that of judging in the National



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"President Cummings has always manifested great love for the people of Wasatch Stake and his special interest in and concern for the young people has been widely noted."

Chosen to serve as counselors to President Call were Wayne C. Whiting and Ralph T. Carlile. Elmo Jacobsen and J. Clark Crook were sustained as stake clerks.

During the years the following men have served as patriarchs in Wasatch Stake: Thomas H. Giles, Henry S. Alexander, John McDonald, John M. Murdoch, Thomas Hicken, Nymphus C. Murdock, John Duke, Franklin J. Fraughton, Robert S. Duke, William Daybell, Henry T. Coleman, John A. Fortie and Ralph F. Giles who is the patriarch presently serving in 1961.

A statistical report of the stake in 1961 showed a stake membership of 4,958, divided among the wards as follows: Wallsburg, 321; Charleston, 280; Daniel, 291; Center, 244; Midway First, 427; Midway Second, 358; Heber First, 544; Heber Second, 407; Heber Third, 523; Heber Fourth, 499; Heber Fifth, 467 and Heber Sixth, 597.

Religious education, whether in Church auxiliary organizations or Church sponsored day schools, has always been a vital part of life for Latter-day Saints. As will be pointed out in the next chapter, a Stake Academy was organized by the Church in 1888 and great emphasis was placed in the curriculum on theological subjects. Several other Church educational programs were instituted, including week-day religion classes, with the present seminary and institute program finally evolving.

A seminary program in conjunction with high school work was first considered by the Wasatch Stake Presidency in March of 1918. President Joseph R. Murdock and his counselors James C. Jensen and G. Frank Ryan, approved the new program and made arrangements to use the Heber Third Ward for classroom instruction.

Earnest A. Jacobsen was appointed as the first seminary teacher and began holding classes in the Third Ward. However, by September 15, 1918, the ward chapel had proved inconvenient and so the Seminary instruction was moved to a vacant room in the high school building. The Church reimbursed the school district \$100 per year for use of the room.

The first seminary class met until about the middle of the school year when an epidemic of influenza forced the program to be discontinued. As a result none of the students completed requirements for graduation that year.

By September of 1919 the second year of seminary instruction was ready to begin and classes were again scheduled in the Heber Third Ward. Meanwhile, the Tidwell lot, or the old home of Bishop Henry Clegg and his wife, Ann, just north of the high school, was purchased as the site for a new seminary building. The purchase was made March 21, 1920, but it was 1925 before the building was torn down and work started

ley, secretary. In 1948 Clyde Ritchie became superintendent and served with Wayne Whiting, Clarence Pace and Paul Stanley until 1950 when Wayne Whiting was sustained as superintendent. Assistants to him were Clarence Pace and Ralph Carlile, with Glendon Evans as secretary.

Byron Cheever was called as superintendent in 1952 and served with Clarence Pace, Ralph Carlile and J. Fred Price as assistants and Dan Thacker, Glyndon Evans and J. Clark Crook as secretaries.

Serving as superintendent from 1956 to 1958 was Robert Clyde, with Ren Provost and Grant Elliot as assistants and J. Clark Crook, secretary.

The present superintendent, Ren Provost, was sustained in 1958, and has as his assistants Grant Elliot and Rulon Carlile. Lynn Carlson and Francis Harrison have been secretaries.

#### WASATCH STAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSN.

As a benefit and help to his daughters, President Brigham Young organized on November 28, 1869, the "Young Ladies Retrenchment Society." The successful organization soon found acceptance in many wards and stakes of the Church, but each group organized was a separate entity, selecting its own officers and choosing its own activities or course of study. By 1880 there were enough of the groups that President John Taylor organized them into a "Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association" for the Church and called Elmina S. Taylor to be the general president. Aides were soon selected to assist in the work and from this group has come the general board. In later years the organization's name was changed to the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association.

Two years after the general Church organization of the YLMIA was appointed efforts were begun in Wasatch Stake to select a stake organization. In 1882 Josephine Cluff Jones was named president with Mary Duke and Mary Forman as counselors and Sarah Jane Hicken as secretary. Millie Cluff later became secretary. Present from the general board to assist in the organization of this first Wasatch Stake unit were Zina Young and Emmeline B. Wells.

This first presidency served together until 1885 when Ruth Hatch, wife of Abram Hatch, became president, with Annie R. Duke and Minnie Cluff as counselors. Secretaries included Lenora Duke, Millie Cluff and Georgana Clyde.

Annie R. Duke became president in 1889 with Sarah Cummings and Emily Hicken as counselors and Clara Duke, secretary. They served together until 1898 when Emily Hicken was named president with Eliza Rasband, counselor and Bethia Giles as secretary-librarian.

Fifth president in the stake was Eliza Rasband who was sustained in 1904 and served until 1910. Her counselors were Elfreda Jaspersen and Martha J. Duke, with Margaret Crook as secretary. Succeeding as the president was Clara Clyde in 1910, with Eliza Rasband and Lavina



The first band and orchestra of Wasatch High School in 1908-1909, under the direction of O. A. Whitaker. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Seymour Duke, Minnie Duke and Mazie Campbell; second row, Douglas Murdock, Rolland Wootton, Ben Roberts, Stuart Fortie, Elijah Hicken, Leland Wootton and Walter Burgener. Back row, Sylvan Rasband, Robert McKnight, Adolph Hansen, Abe Turner, Claud Willis, Prof. O. A. Whitaker, William Bond, Guy Duke, Clayton Montgomery, Florence Fisher, Lelia Murdock, Ione Davis and Pearl Buys.

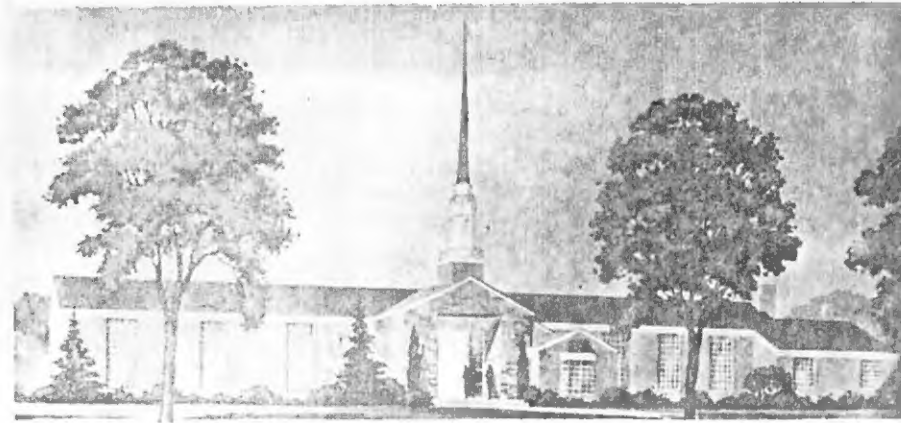
of the school was made in 1927 and provided a permanent home for the high school.

The educational progress of Wasatch High School has been guided during the years by devoted principals. These have included J. W. Robinson, Andrew L. Neff, Owen F. Beal, James Johnson, Fayette Stephens, Wm. J. Bond, Oswald L. Pearson, Lamond F. Hutchings, Edson Packer and Marion Tree.

The early high school curriculum consisted of a few academic subjects taught by the principal and one or two teachers. However, the present program has broadened to include many subjects with as many specialists to do the instruction. In addition there are numerous social, vocational and cultural subjects and extra-curricular opportunities available to the students.

During the years Wasatch High has won success in many school endeavors. Clark J. Crook and Douglas Edwards, a poultry judging team coached by Farrell Olson, represented all of Utah at a National Poultry Congress in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1931 the school band, directed by Delmar Dickson, participated



The Heber Fourth Ward Chapel built in 1953-55 and dedicated May 4, 1955.

early in 1955, and the dedicatory services were held May 4, 1955, with Bishop Carl W. Buehner of the Presiding Bishopric offering the dedicatory prayer.

Bishop Chapman served for 10 years until 1957, and was released with his counselors on July 21, 1957.

Sustained as the new bishop was Sherman A. Giles, with Errol Hicken and Newell Jensen as counselors and Clark J. Crook as clerk. J. Moroni Besendorfer was sustained as ward clerk on January 11, 1959 and Ray Mortensen was sustained as assistant ward clerk. Some 500 members of the Church reside in the ward.

Those who have been in leadership positions in the ward include the following:

**RELIEF SOCIETY:** Mina Giles, president with Keziah Crook and Keziah Baxter as counselors and Madge Brierley, secretary; Mae Smith, president, with Mildred Lawrence and Lula Carlile, counselors and Bessie Graham, secretary; Mary Mahoney president, Elda Ritchie and Sylvia Coleman, counselors and Sedonia Anderson and Mary Bethers, secretaries; Keziah Baxter, president, Sylvia Coleman and Yvonne Horner, counselors and Venice Watson, secretary.

**PRIMARY:** Mae Smith president, Reba Davis and Sylvia Coleman, counselors and Tora Chapman secretary; Sylvia Coleman, president with Melba Chapman and Reba Davis, counselors and Tora Chapman, secretary; Melba Chapman president with Afton Davis, Lois Hicken, Sylvia Coleman and Lorna Thacker, counselors and Tora Chapman, secretary; Elda Ritchie, president with Eva Hood and Mary Bethers, counselors and Tora Chapman, secretary; Wilva Anderson, president with Mary Bethers and Nellie Simmons, counselors and Tora Chapman, secretary; LaVina Hicken president with Rhea Swain, Nina Mair, Iris Parrish and Maranda Watkins, counselors, and Lorna Thacker and Linda